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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Relations Between the Geographic Research Area, GRR, and
the Special Advisor on Geography, Department of State

1. A meeting to discuss this subject was held on 13 August 1957 in
1114 M Building. Participants were:

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Otto E. Guthrie, GRR

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Robert D. Hodgson, Department of State
G. Elsie Pearcy, Department of State
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2. The following agreements were reached:

a. Responsibility for Territorial Studies

(1) The CIA will discontinue its activities related to seeking and disseminating U.S. Government policy on questions of boundaries and territorial status. The Special Advisor on Geography, Department of State, will assume full responsibility for such activities.

(2) The CIA will provide research support requested by the Special Advisor on Geography in pursuing his policy determinations, subject to the following:

(a) Requests for major projects or programs will be directed to the AD/GR for his consideration.

(b) Action on requests for support will be scheduled by the Geographic Research Area commensurate with the priorities of other projects on hand. Whenever possible, the Special Advisor will accompany requests with indication of the Department's degree of need.

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(3) Except as noted in Par. (2)(a), above, projects relating to a single Branch of the Geography Division will be accepted or rejected by the Branch Chief concerned; those that relate to more than one Branch will be relayed to the Division Chief for decision.

(4) The Special Advisor may reproduce elements of the substantive files of the Geography Division as needed, subject to limitations noted in Par. 2.c., below. Such reproduction will be at State Department expense. The Special Advisor will be placed on automatic distribution of GNR's Geographic Intelligence Review and other issuances of interest.

(5) It is understood that the CIA will continue to perform independent research on territorial matters in support of its internal operations.

b. Cartographic Support

(1) Within its capabilities, the CIA will continue to provide cartographic support to the Department of State as required.

(2) The Special Advisor on Geography will be recognized by CIA as the sole channel for transmittal to the CIA of map requests originating in, or processed by, the Department of State.

c. Map Library Support

(1) The Map Library will continue to serve the special needs of the Department of State.

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d. Document Routing

(1) Documents presently routed to the Office of the Special Assistant for Maps will be routed as follows:

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(b) Single copies, no map interest:

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(2) [redacted] and Dr. Percy will prepare a restatement of document requirements for the State Department Reading Room.

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e. Access to Geography Division

The Special Advisor on Geography will have access, on request, to all substantive files in Geography Division other than those identified as Top Secret or Internal CIA Use Only. The Geography Division will sanitize the files concerned prior to such examination.

f. Requests to be Placed by the CIA on the Special Advisor on Geography

The CIA will expect to place periodic requests on the Special Advisor on Geography for support or assistance, and receive support commensurate with his capabilities.

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Chief, Geographic Research

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